



The Honorable minister
Ministry of Solid mineral development
Abuja.

4th September 2025

Dear Sir

PETITION FOR PROTECTION AGAINST TRESPASSING AND UNWARRANTED CHALLENGES

We wish to draw your attention to a pressing issue regarding trespass and recent developments concerning our licenses numbered **35332EL**, **45787SSML** and **39176SSML**. These licenses had previously faced contention from the former Taraba State administration and other businesses. However, these issues were resolved through understanding and compensation within the community, the Mining Cadastre, and even the court, where most cases were withdrawn.

As the legitimate license holders, we have commenced our operations and have been diligently making royal payment contributions to the federal government as well as levies to the state government for these locations. We have also initiated the execution of our Community Development Agreement (CDA).

Regrettably, we are compelled to write this petition due to recent disturbances. The state government, through its Permanent Secretary of the Bureau for Solid Mineral Resources in Taraba State, David matsai has been inviting unauthorized parties over to our site. The latest incident involved so called investors from Ghana/Togo, whom they informed the community were the Governor's personal investors. The Permanent Secretary subsequently compelled the District Head and Village to sign a new consent and file a petition challenging the legitimacy of our licenses on this site.

We wish to categorically state that at no point have we agreed to relinquish any part of our licenses to any company, whether nominated by the government or otherwise. Furthermore, our site was previously very active, employing at least 1,000 direct and contract staff before the executive order by the state government.

In light of these developments, we urgently request that measures be put in place to protect mining companies operating within Taraba State from such unwarranted challenges and trespassing activities.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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